

REMARKS

In the instant application, independent claims 1, 18, and 34 have been amended. Claims 1-44 are pending. Claim 28 has been amended to clarify the claim dependency. No new matter has been added.

The undersigned would like to thank the Examiner for discussing this case on February 7, 2006. The amendments to the instant claims reflect that discussion.

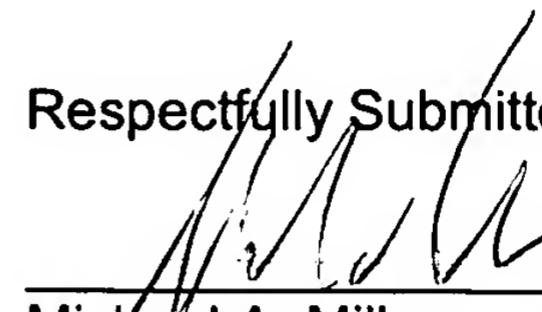
Claims 1-4, 6-21, 23-39, and 41-44 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph. The independent claims have been amended to provide that, "when the colorant comprises colorant pigments, the colorant pigments do not induce significant diffuse reflectance." Support for this amendment can be found on page 7 of the application as filed. As discussed, this amendment overcomes the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112. Withdrawal of the rejection to the independent claims, as well as the claims that depend therefrom, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-44 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph as being indefinite for failing to point out and distinctly claim the subject matter regarded as the invention. The Office Action states that it is unclear how a coating composition comprises "an upper layer" and "a lower layer." The claims have been amended to address this issue. It is submitted that this amendment overcomes the rejection under U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

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Claims 1-44 are now in condition for allowance. A prompt response to this
Amendment in the form of a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

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